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Mauriac Links CIA to Kidnap Of Ben Barka

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Paris, Jan. 27 — The U.S. General Intelligence Agency was accused by a columnist today of involvement in the kidnaping and probable death of Moroccan left wing opposition leader Mendi Ben Barka. High French government sources strongly denounced the accusation.

Nobel Prize-winning author Francois Mauriac, an intensely pro-Gaullist columnist for the highbrow Figaro Littéraire, said in his column that even some Gaullists had begun sniping at President de Gaulle over the Ben Barka affair.

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He called the whole incident an "anti-Gaullist ambush."

"A few days before or after Ben Barka's disappearance," wrote Mauriac, "a Moroccan friend who knows well such things talked to me about the close connection between Gen. (Mohammed) Oufkir (Moroccan interior minister suspected by some of being the man behind the kidnaping) and the American secret service.

"Whether it is true or not, I don't know," continued Mauriac. "But if these services are innocent in this affair, then it is the devil who played for them."

Mauriac's column was called "untrue" and "stupid" by French diplomats.